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## AND THE PLANETEERS

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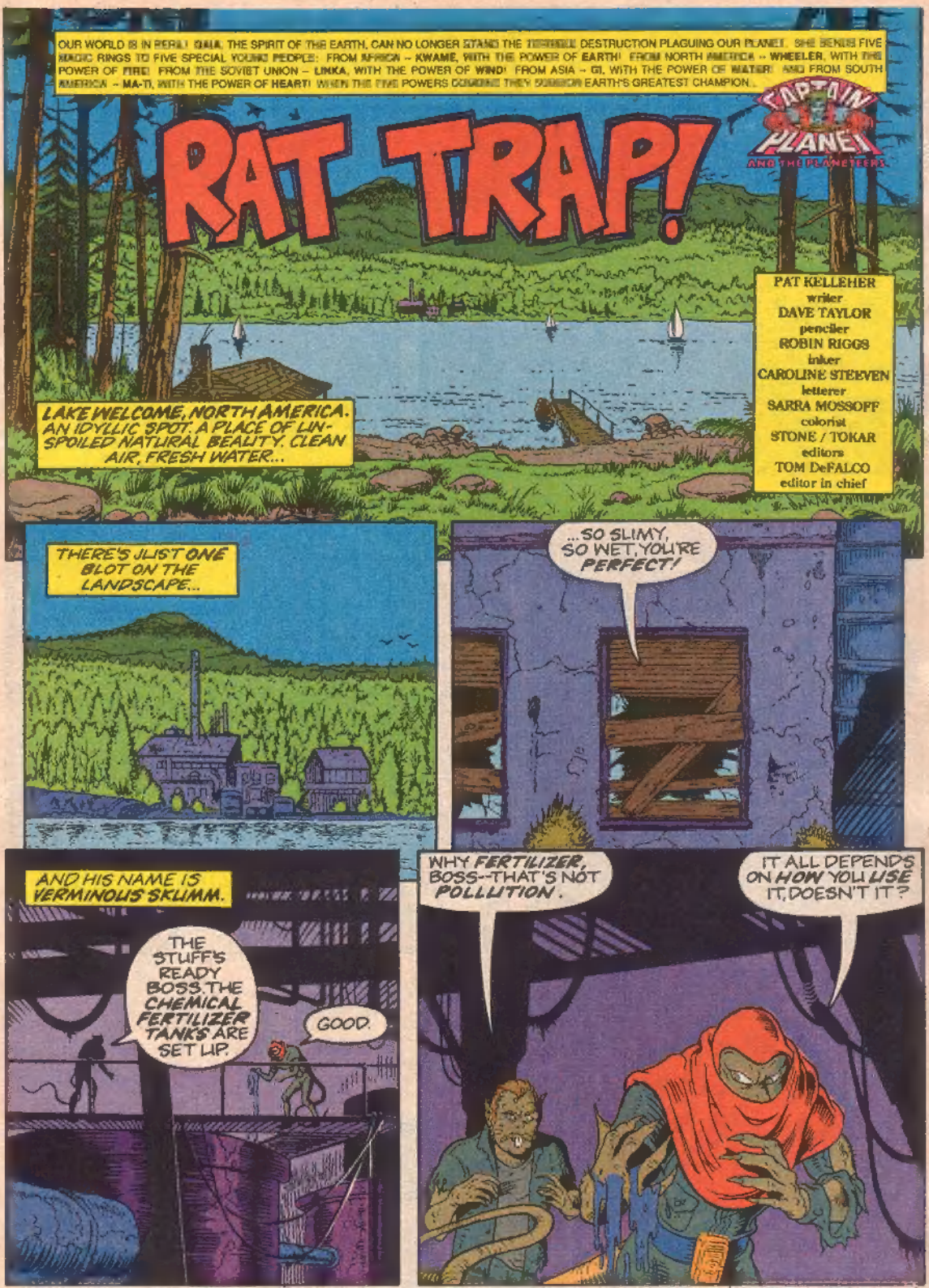
OUR WORLD IS IN PERIL! GAIA, THE SPIRIT OF THE EARTH, CAN NO LONGER STAND THE TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION PLAGUING OUR PLANET. SHE SENDS FIVE MAGIC RINGS TO FIVE SPECIAL YOUNG PEOPLE: FROM AFRICA -- KWAME, WITH THE POWER OF EARTH! FROM NORTH AMERICA -- WHEELER, WITH THE POWER OF FIRE! FROM THE SOVIET UNION -- LINKA, WITH THE POWER OF WIND! FROM ASIA -- GI, WITH THE POWER OF WATER! AND FROM SOUTH AMERICA -- MA-TI, WITH THE POWER OF HEART! WHEN THE FIVE POWERS COMBINE THEY SUMMON EARTH'S GREATEST CHAMPION...
RAT TRAP!
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LAKE WELCOME, NORTH AMERICA. AN IDYLLIC SPOT. A PLACE OF UN-SPOILED NATURAL BEAUTY. CLEAN AIR, FRESH WATER...
THERE'S JUST ONE BLOT ON THE LANDSCAPE...
...SO SLIMY, SO WET. YOU'RE PERFECT!
AND HIS NAME IS VERMINOUS SKUMM.
THE STUFF'S READY BOSS. THE CHEMICAL FERTILIZER TANKS ARE SET UP.
GOOD.
WHY FERTILIZER, BOSS--THAT'S NOT POLLUTION.
IT ALL DEPENDS ON HOW YOU USE IT, DOESN'T IT?

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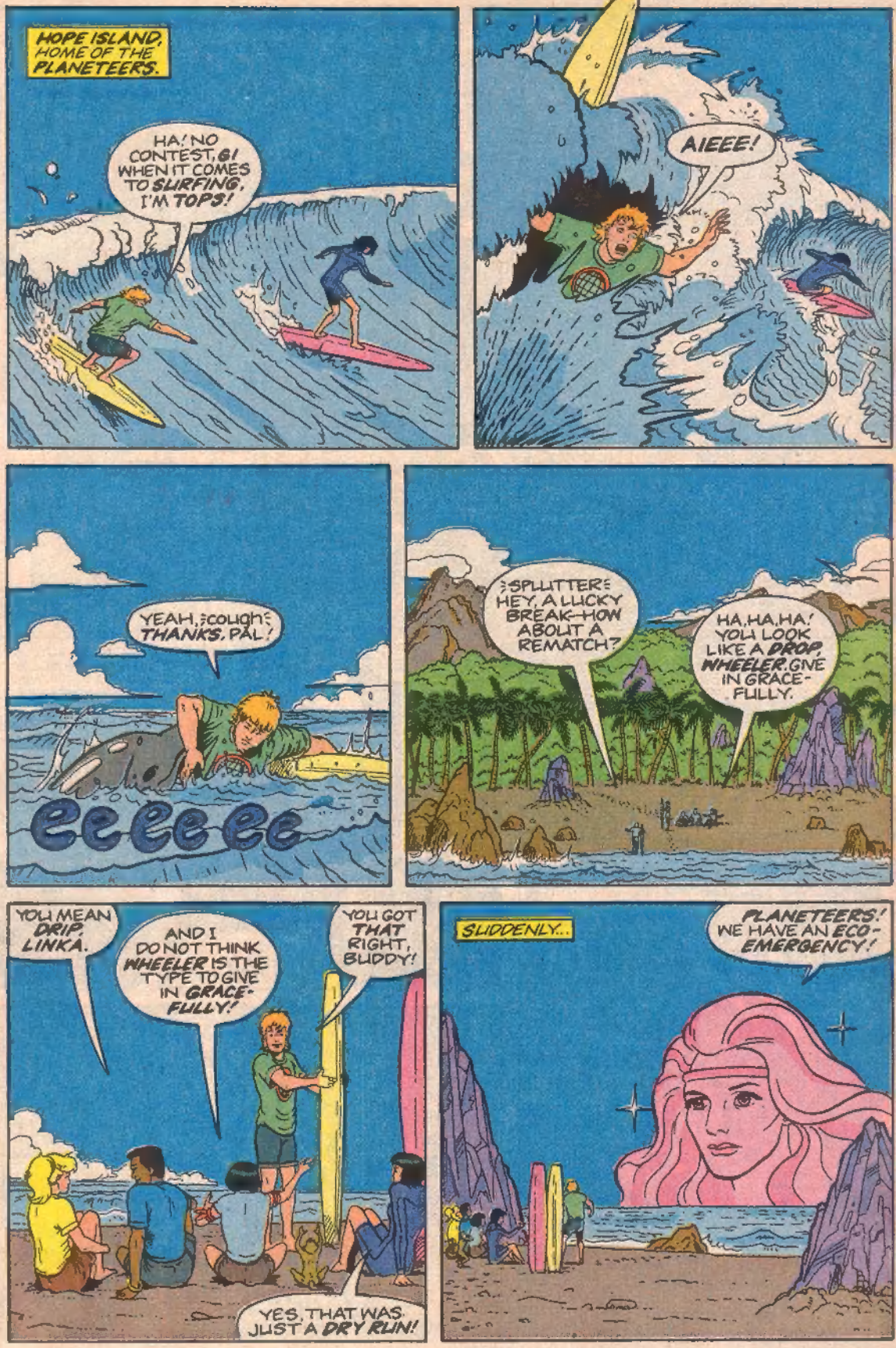
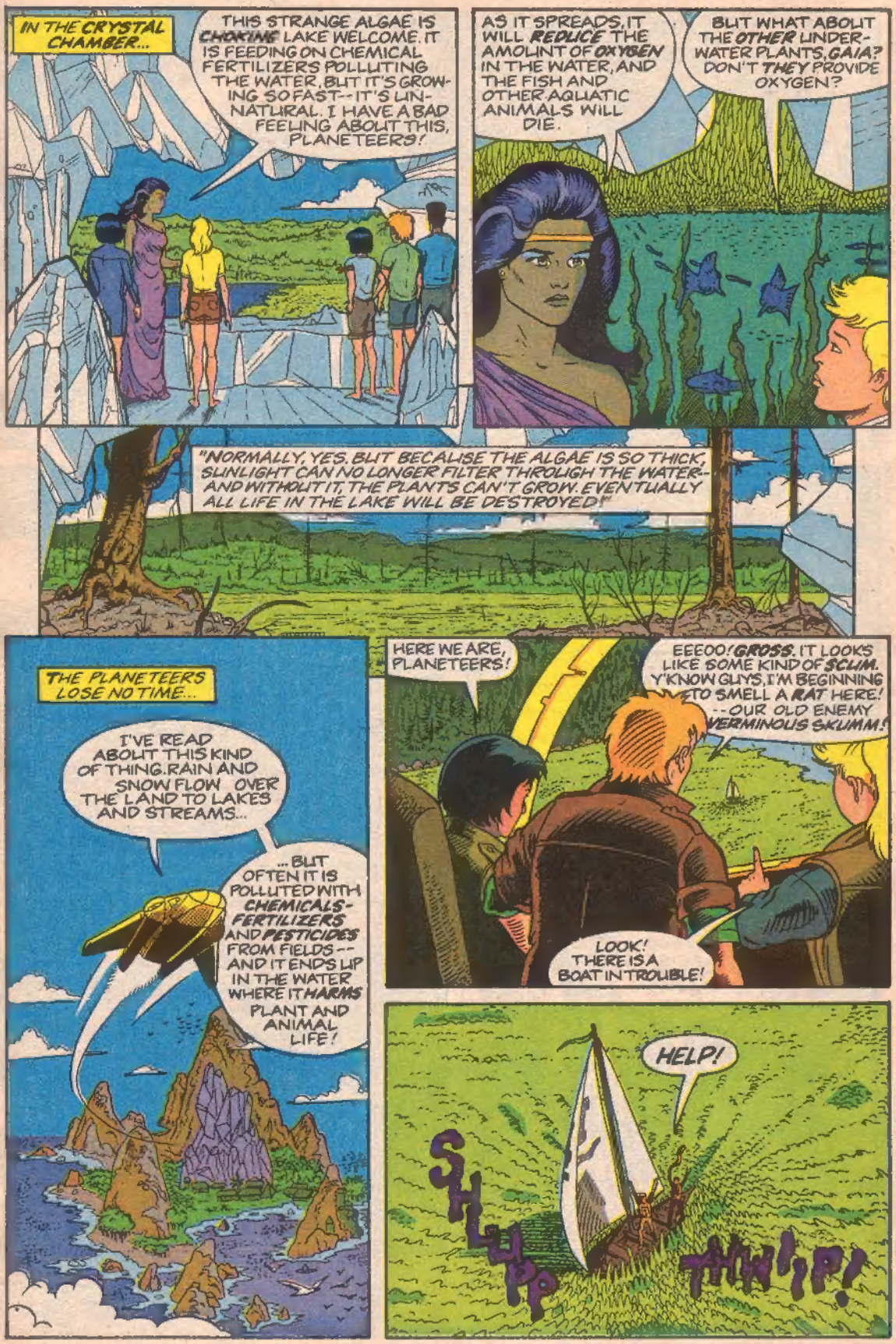
HEH, YOU'RE A REAL RAT, BOSS!
OPEN THOSE VALVES! I WANT THAT LAKE FLOODED WITH FERTILIZER!
AYE, BOSS!
SSHROOOSH!
NOW MY SLIMY, STINKING MUTANT ALGAE, IT'S DINNER TIME!
GO!
GROW!
SHLLPP GLRP!
FEEDING ON THE CHEMICAL FERTILIZER, THE MUTATED ALGAE SPREADS ACROSS THE WATER...
LOOK! THE LAKE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE LAKE?


HOPE ISLAND, HOME OF THE PLANETEERS.
HA! NO CONTEST, G! WHEN IT COMES TO SURFING, I'M TOPS!
AIEEE!
YEAH, ;cough; THANKS, PAL!
eeeeee
;SPLUTTER; HEY, A LUCKY BREAK—HOW ABOUT A REMATCH?
HA, HA, HA! YOU LOOK LIKE A DROP, WHEELER. GIVE IN GRACE-FULLY.
YOU MEAN DRIP, LINKA.
AND I DO NOT THINK WHEELER IS THE TYPE TO GIVE IN GRACE-FULLY!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT, BUDDY!
YES, THAT WAS JUST A DRY RUN!
SUDDENLY...
PLANETEERS! WE HAVE AN ECO-EMERGENCY!


IN THE CRYSTAL CHAMBER...
THIS STRANGE ALGAE IS CHOKING LAKE WELCOME. IT IS FEEDING ON CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS POLLUTING THE WATER, BUT IT'S GROWING SO FAST--IT'S UNNATURAL. I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS, PLANETEERS!
AS IT SPREADS, IT WILL REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF OXYGEN IN THE WATER, AND THE FISH AND OTHER AQUATIC ANIMALS WILL DIE.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER UNDERWATER PLANTS, GAIA? DON'T THEY PROVIDE OXYGEN?
"NORMALLY, YES. BUT BECAUSE THE ALGAE IS SO THICK, SUNLIGHT CAN NO LONGER FILTER THROUGH THE WATER--AND WITHOUT IT, THE PLANTS CAN'T GROW. EVENTUALLY ALL LIFE IN THE LAKE WILL BE DESTROYED!"
THE PLANETEERS LOSE NO TIME...
I'VE READ ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING. RAIN AND SNOW FLOW OVER THE LAND TO LAKES AND STREAMS...
...BUT OFTEN IT IS POLLUTED WITH CHEMICALS--FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES FROM FIELDS--AND IT ENDS UP IN THE WATER WHERE IT HARMS PLANT AND ANIMAL LIFE!
HERE WE ARE, PLANETEERS!
EEEOO! GROSS. IT LOOKS LIKE SOME KIND OF SCUM. Y'KNOW GUYS, I'M BEGINNING TO SMELL A RAT HERE! --OUR OLD ENEMY VERMINOUS SKUMM!
LOOK! THERE IS A BOAT IN TROUBLE!
HELP!
SHLUPP
THWIP!

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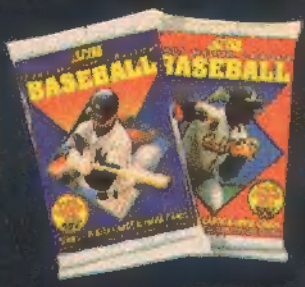


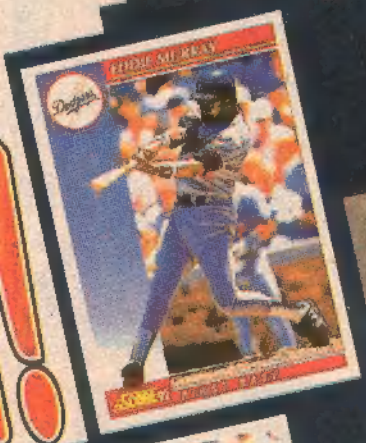

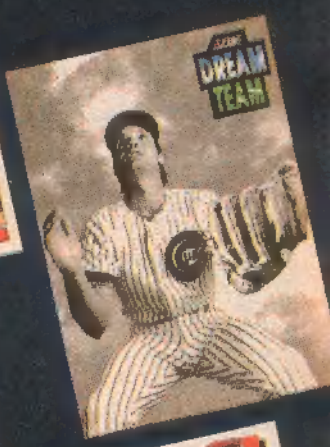

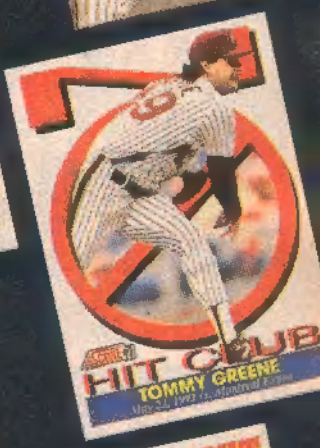


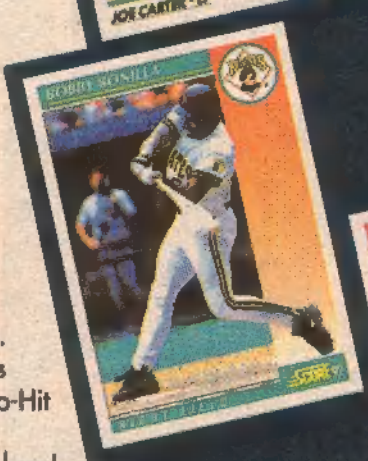

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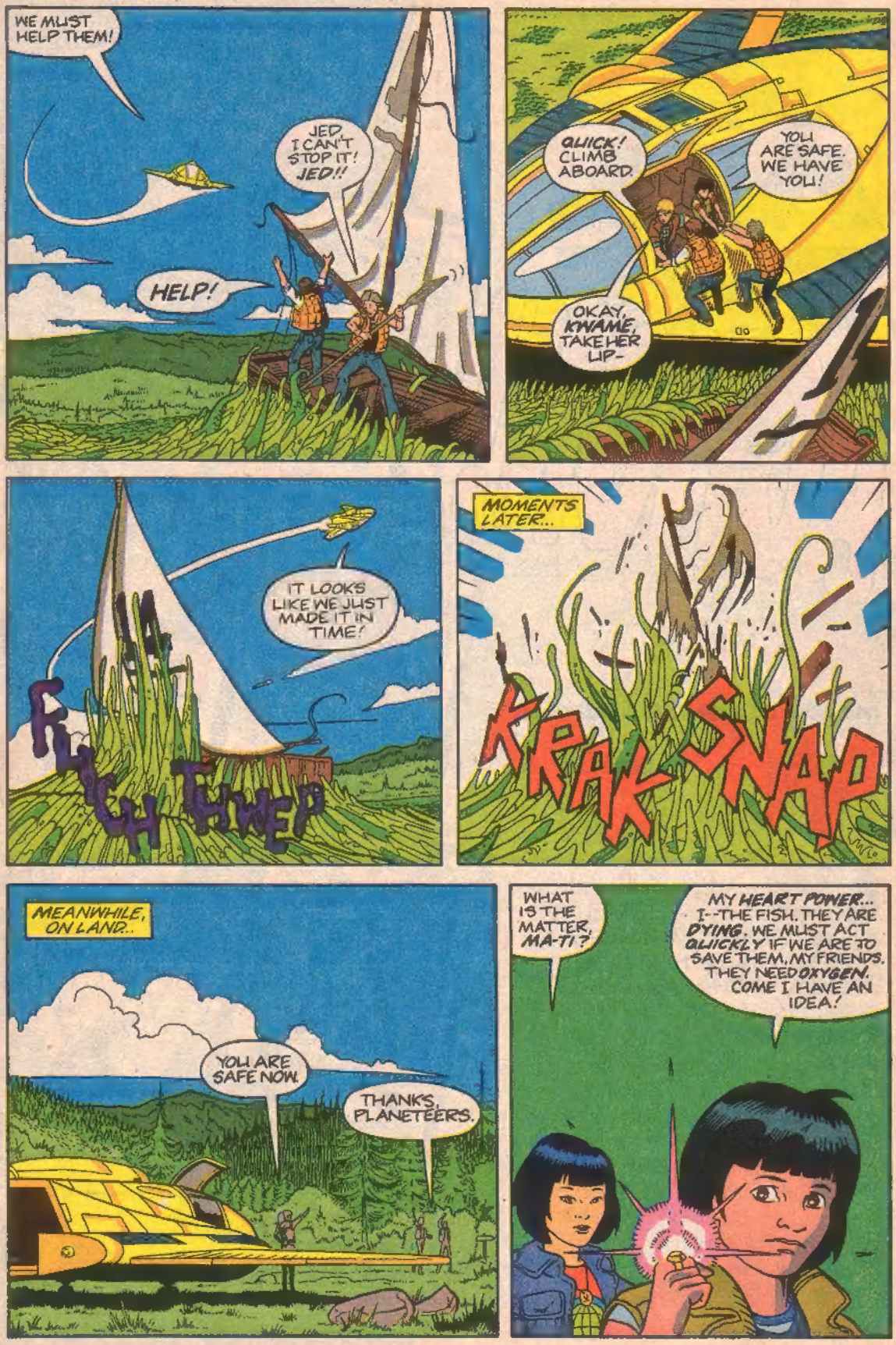
WE MUST HELP THEM!
JED, I CAN'T STOP IT! JED!!
HELP!
QUICK! CLIMB ABOARD.
YOU ARE SAFE. WE HAVE YOU!
OKAY, KWAME, TAKE HER UP-
IT LOOKS LIKE WE JUST MADE IT IN TIME!
FLUGH THWEP
MOMENTS LATER..
KRAK SNAP
MEANWHILE, ON LAND..
YOU ARE SAFE NOW.
THANKS, PLANETEERS.
WHAT IS THE MATTER, MA-TI?
MY HEART POWER... I--THE FISH. THEY ARE DYING. WE MUST ACT QUICKLY IF WE ARE TO SAVE THEM, MY FRIENDS. THEY NEED OXYGEN. COME I HAVE AN IDEA!

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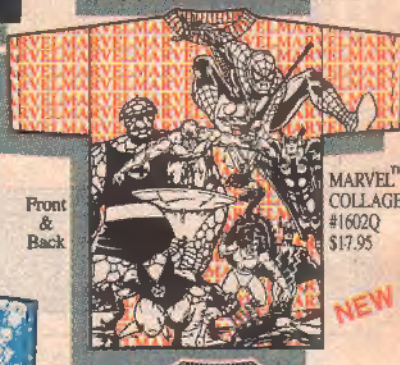

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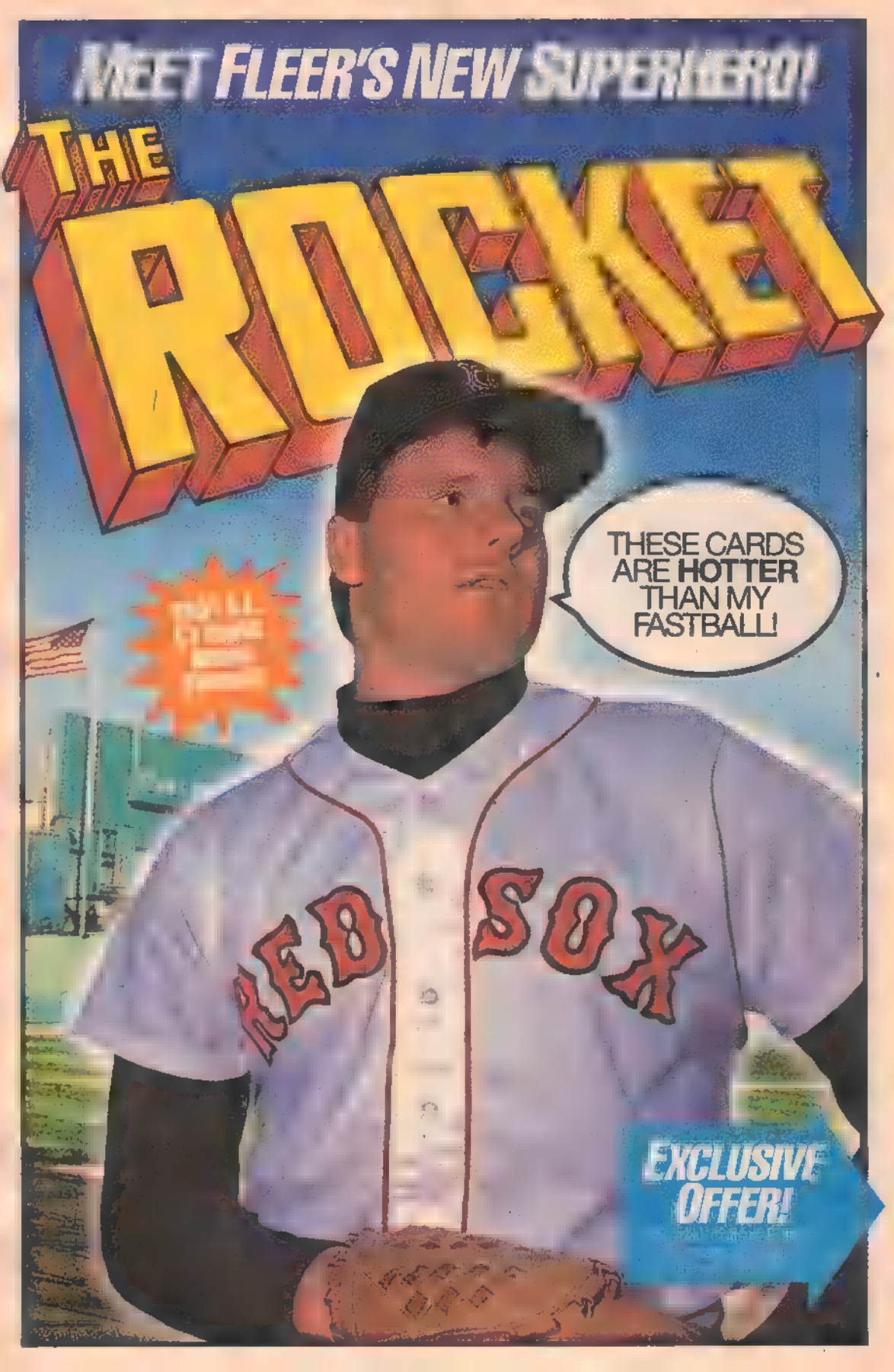
MEANWHILE, BACK IN THE FACTORY'S DEPTHS...
BLASTED ECO-JERKS! WELL THEY'RE IN FOR A SURPRISE THIS TIME! THEY'RE NO MATCH FOR ME! THEY'LL BE CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN A TRAP! HA, HA, HA!
MORE FERTILIZER INTO THE LAKE, MY RODENT-EERS!
OKAY, MA-TI. WE'RE OVER THE EDGE OF THE ALGAE. WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?
WE NEED TO REOXYGENATE THE WATER! WE COULD DO IT IF LINKA AND GI COMBINED THEIR POWERS!
OF COURSE! I CAN SIPHON WATER OUT OF THE LAKE AND LINKA, YOU CAN MIX IT WITH AIR AND WE CAN RECYCLE IT BACK INTO THE LAKE.
IT IS CRAZY-BUT IT MIGHT JUST WORK!
AND SO...
I THINK IT IS WORKING...
HA! I HAVE WANTED TO SAY THAT EVER SINCE I SAW YOUR TERRIBLE AMERICAN MOVIES, WHEELER!
WIND!
WATER!

OH, NO! THE ALGAE! GI! LINKA! STOP!!
SHRUSH PLUP
WHA-?
IT... IT'S CAUGHT... THE GEO-CRUISER!
I CAN'T...
I CAN'T... HOLD... IT...
VREEE SLATCH
THE ALGAE! IT HAS LIS! IT'S [redacted] THE [redacted] INTAKES! THE ENGINES WILL [redacted] L...
EEEEEE
EEEEEEE
WE'RE GOING DOWN!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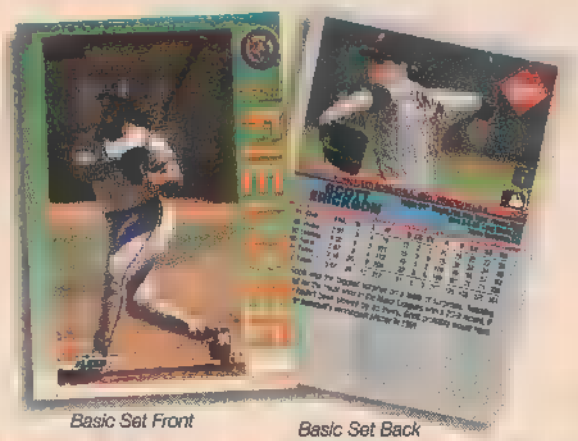

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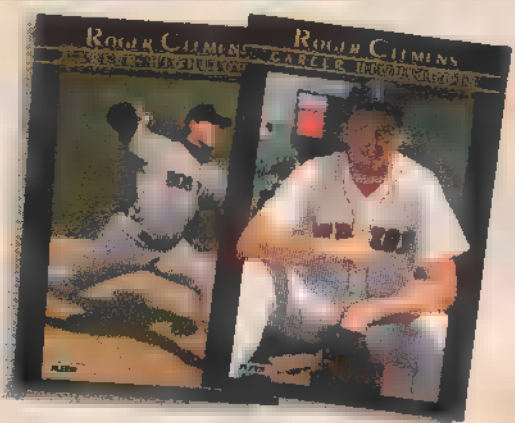


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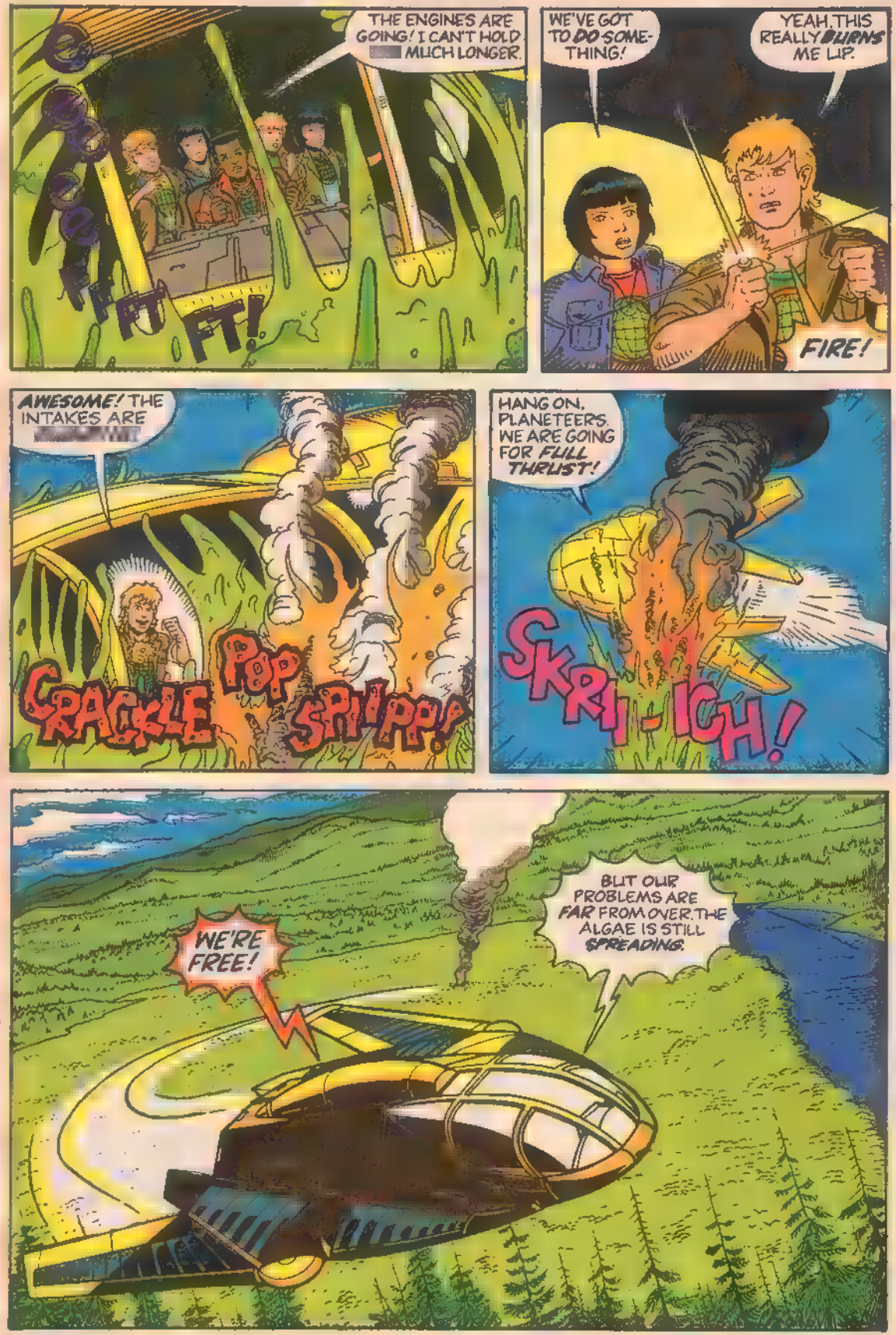
THE ENGINES ARE GOING! I CAN'T HOLD [redacted] MUCH LONGER.
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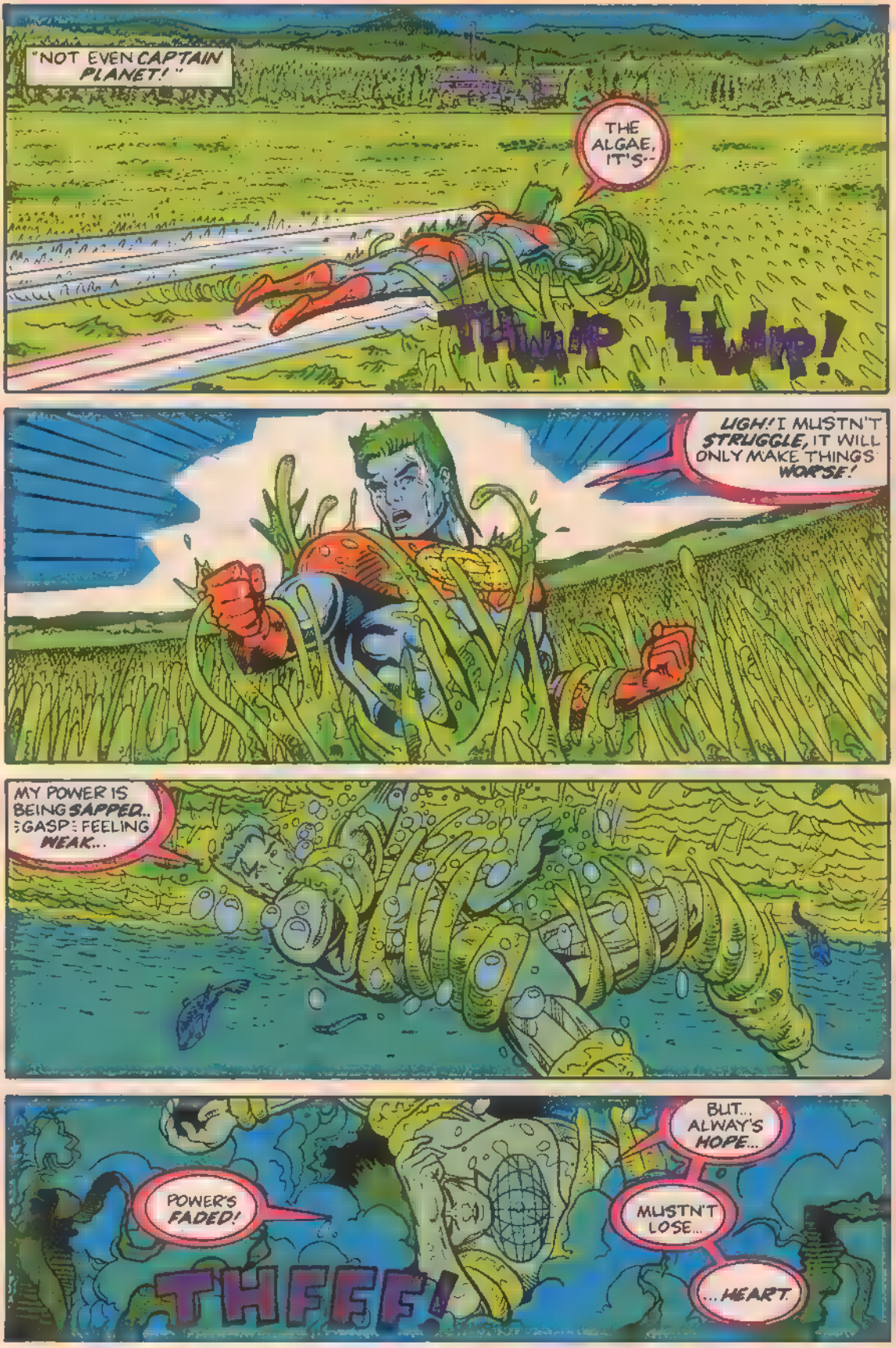
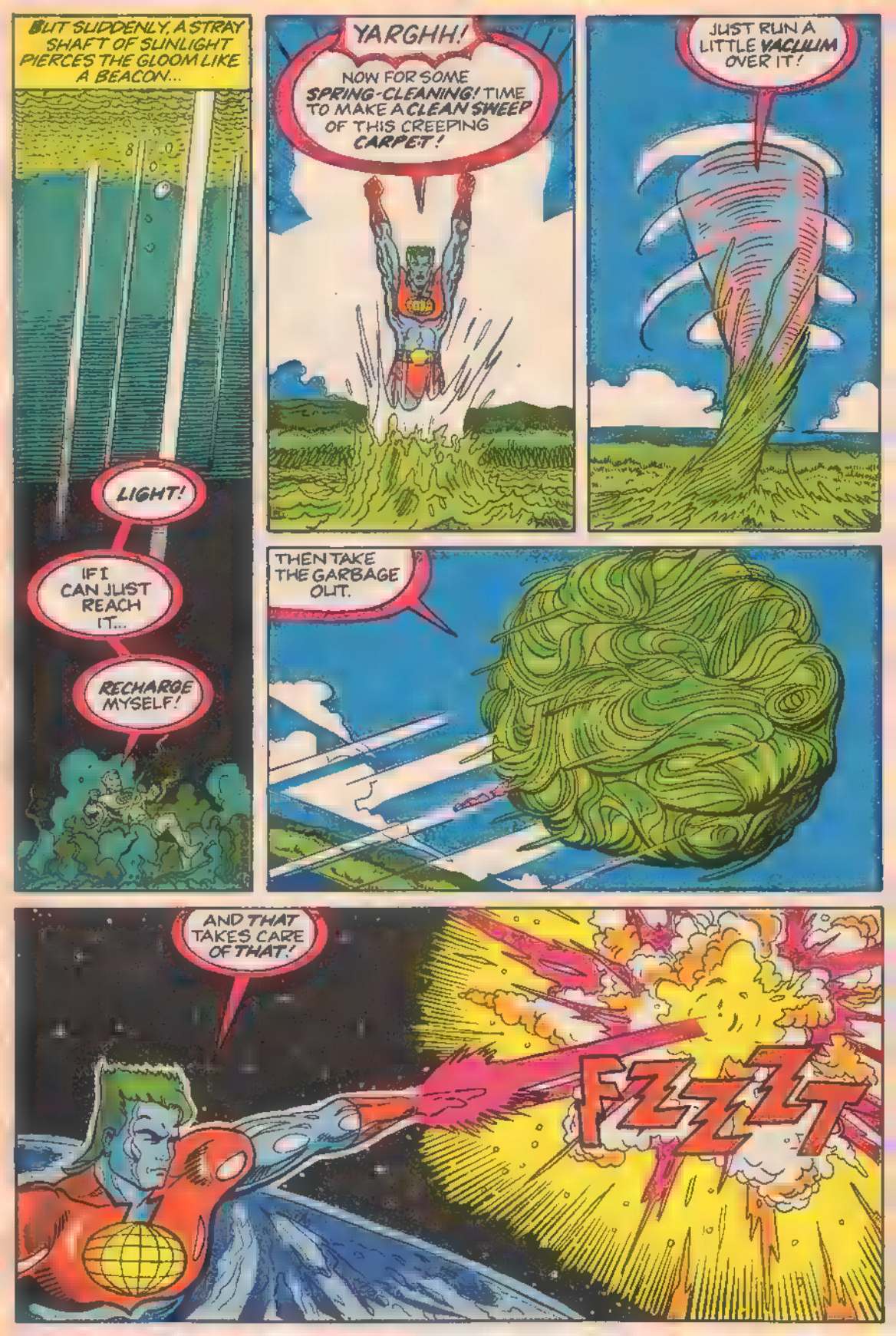
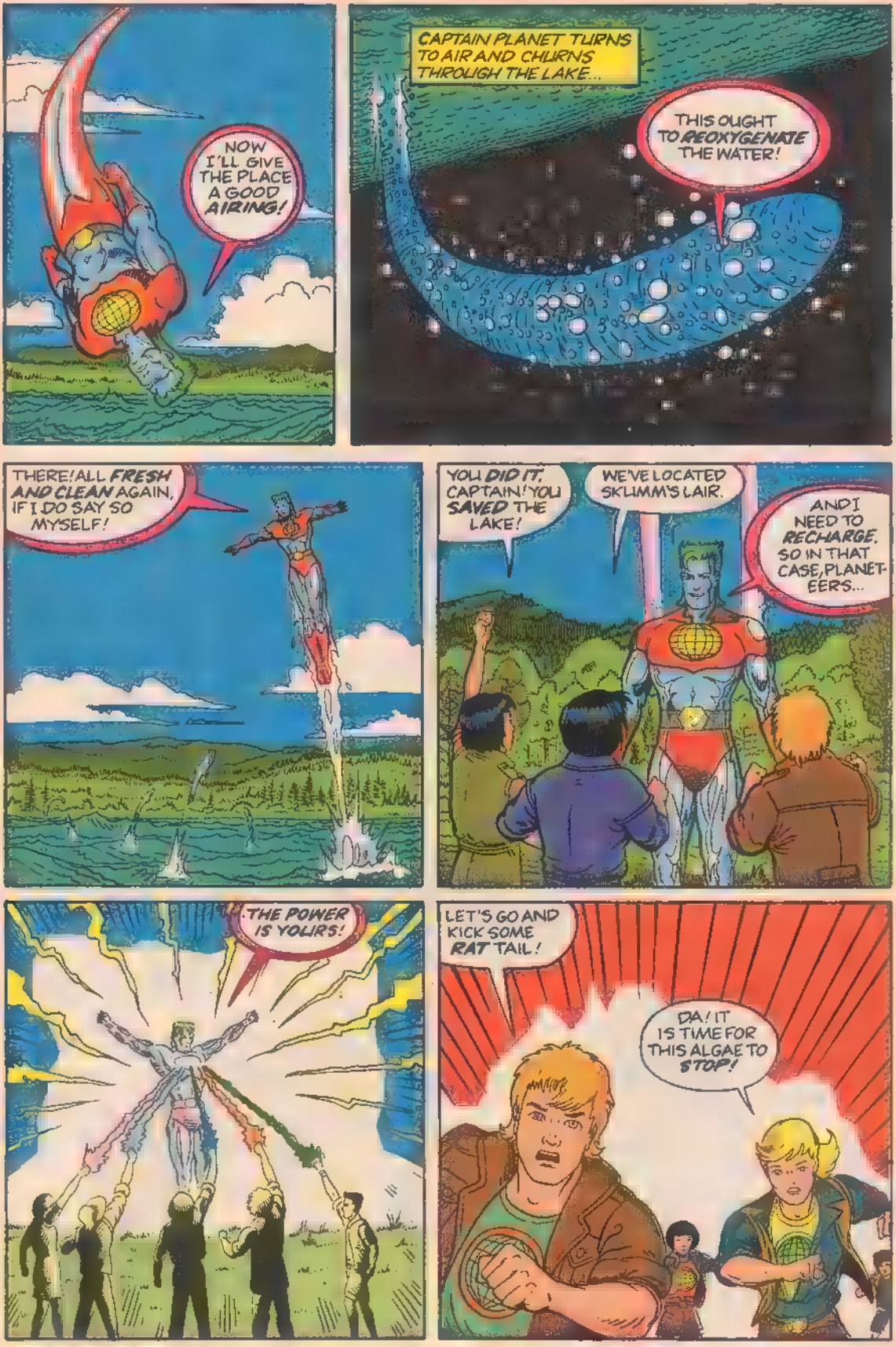
FT!
WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!
YEAH, THIS REALLY BURNS ME UP.
FIRE!
AWESOME! THE INTAKES ARE [redacted]
CRACKLE
POP
SPUPP!
HANG ON, PLANETEERS. WE ARE GOING FOR FULL THRUST!
SKRI-ICH!
WE'RE FREE!
BUT OUR PROBLEMS ARE FAR FROM OVER. THE ALGAE IS STILL SPREADING.

YES, THE FISH. THEY-- gasp! --THEY ARE STILL DYING!
IT'S HIS HEART POWER. HE'S IN TUNE WITH THE FISH IN THE LAKE. OUR STUNT BOUGHT SOME TIME, BUT IT HASN'T SOLVED THE PROBLEM!
MA-TI!
WE MUST ACT BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.
THEN IT'S TIME FOR A TEAM BEAM!
LET OUR POWERS COMBINE...
EARTH!
FIRE!
WIND!
WATER!
HEART!
BY YOUR POWERS COMBINED, I AM CAPTAIN PLANET!

WHILE CAPTAIN PLANET'S TAKING CARE OF THE ALGAE, LET US SEE IF WE CAN TRACK DOWN SKUMM'S LAIR.
BUT HOW?
WE CAN USE THE GEO-CRUISER'S [redacted] TO ANALYZE THE ALGAE'S GROWTH, THEN PLOT IT BACK TO ITS POINT OF ORIGIN.
I'M RUNNING THE SIMULATION NOW...
CHHK!
MEANWHILE, OUT ON THE LAKE...
UH-OH. THAT OTTER'S TRAPPED IN THE ALGAE. STRUGGLING ONLY MAKES THINGS [redacted] IT WILL DROWN!
THERE Y'GO, LITTLE FELLA. DON'T WORRY, I'LL HAVE YOUR HOME BACK TO NORMAL IN TWO SHAKES OF A RAT'S TAIL!
MEANWHILE, DEEP IN THE RAT'S LAIR...
AH, CAPTAIN PLANET! THOSE ECO-NERDS MUST'VE ESCAPED! WELL LET'S SEE HOW WELL THAT CRYSTAL-FACED CONSERVATIONIST FARES AGAINST MY CREEPING ALGAE!
NOW THAT MY FETID FLORA IS ON THE LOOSE... NOTHING CAN STAND IN ITS WAY...
SHLUP
LAP

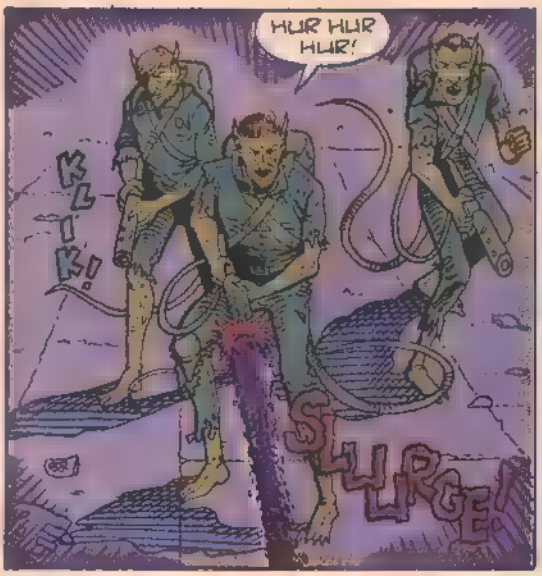

"NOT EVEN CAPTAIN PLANET!"
THE ALGAE, IT'S--
THWIP THWIP!
UGH! I MUSTN'T STRUGGLE, IT WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE!
MY POWER IS BEING SAPPED.. GASP! FEELING WEAK...
BUT... ALWAY'S HOPE...
POWER'S FADED!
MUSTN'T LOSE...
...HEART
THEFFF!


BUT SUDDENLY, A STRAY SHAFT OF SUNLIGHT PIERCES THE GLOOM LIKE A BEACON...
LIGHT!
IF I CAN JUST REACH IT...
RECHARGE MYSELF!
YARGHH!
NOW FOR SOME SPRING-CLEANING! TIME TO MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF THIS CREEPING CARPET!
JUST RUN A LITTLE VACUUM OVER IT!
THEN TAKE THE GARBAGE OUT.
AND THAT TAKES CARE OF THAT!
FZZZT

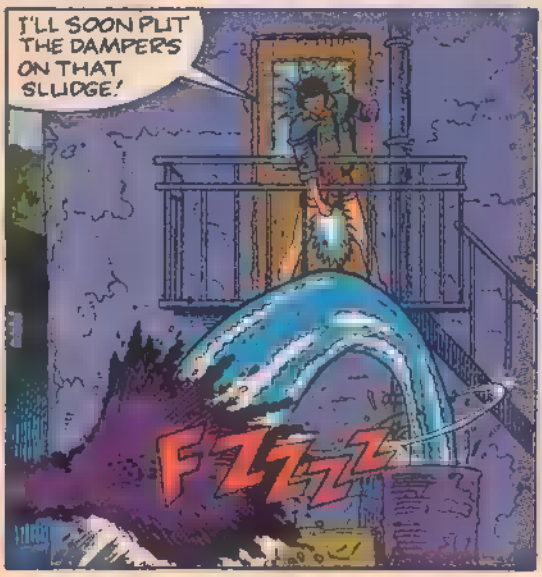

NOW I'LL GIVE THE PLACE A GOOD AIRING!
CAPTAIN PLANET TURNS TO AIR AND CHURNS THROUGH THE LAKE...
THIS OUGHT TO REOXYGENATE THE WATER!
THERE! ALL FRESH AND CLEAN AGAIN, IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF!
YOU DID IT, CAPTAIN! YOU SAVED THE LAKE!
WE'VE LOCATED SKUMM'S LAIR.
AND I NEED TO RECHARGE, SO IN THAT CASE, PLANETEER'S...
THE POWER IS YOURS!
LET'S GO AND KICK SOME RAT TAIL!
DA! IT IS TIME FOR THIS ALGAE TO STOP!

AT THE SITE OF AN ABANDONED FACTORY--SKUMM'S LAIR...
SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET IN? CLIMBING THAT RUSTY OLD FENCE WILL BE TOO DANGEROUS!
ALLOW ME, GI.
EARTH!
R-RUMBLE
BE CAREFUL, MY FRIENDS. THIS PLACE IS DERELICT AND WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE SKUMM IS HIDING.
MEANWHILE...
BUT I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE YOU ARE, PUNKETEERS!
THE DEVICES I PLANTED ON YOU* ENABLE ME TO MONITOR YOUR EVERY MOVE... AMONG OTHER THINGS!
* IN ISSUES 2-5.--ROB
YOU'RE CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN A TRAP!
GO AND GET THEM, RAT PACKERS... AND MAKE SURE YOUR TOXIC SLUDGE [redacted] ARE FULLY PRIMED! HA HA HAHK!

[redacted] THE ABANDONED FACTORY.
I DON'T GET IT! OLD SEWER [redacted] MUST BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE. WE MUST BE GETTING WARMER!
WELL HE IS NOT IN HERE. GI, CAN YOU SEE ANY-THING?
NO. I DEFINITELY THINK WE'RE GET-TING [redacted] THIS BUILDING'S EMPTY, TOO!
SKULCH!
WHAT WAS THAT? WAS THAT YOU, WHEELER?
ME? NO IT WASN'T ME!
THEN --
I WOULD SAY THAT WE WERE VERY HOT!
EAT TOXIC SLUDGE, ECO-WIMPS!

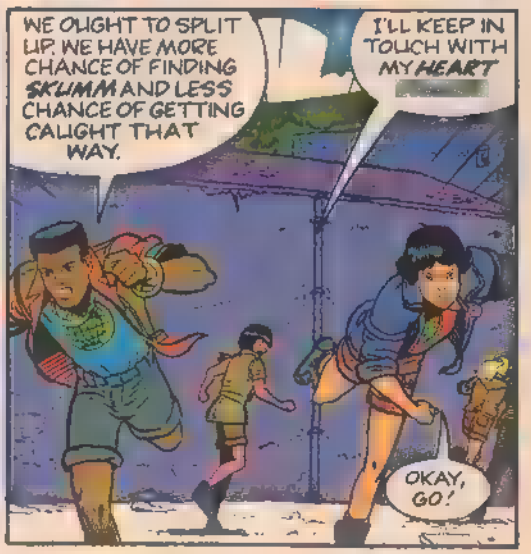

HUR HUR HUR!
KL IK!
SLURGE!

NO!
WATER!


I'LL SOON PUT THE DAMPERS ON THAT SLUDGE!
FZZZZ

PHEW! THANKS, GI. THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE. YOU GUYS MAKE TRACKS, AND I'LL PROVIDE A LITTLE COVER...
FIRE!

THERE. THAT OUGHT TO HOLD THOSE HOT-HEADS FOR A WHILE.


WE OUGHT TO SPLIT UP. WE HAVE MORE CHANCE OF FINDING SKUMM AND LESS CHANCE OF GETTING CAUGHT THAT WAY.
I'LL KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MY HEART
OKAY, GO!

AND SO...
WELL FIND THEM! I DON'T WANT THOSE GREEN CLEANIES UPSETTING MY ALGAE!
SSSH. LISTEN.
Chemical fertilizer
WHEELER, IT'S...
"...SKUMM!"
THIS SUPPLY OF CHEMICAL FERTILIZER MEANS YOU'LL SOON BE STRONG ENOUGH TO [redacted] LET LOOSE INTO THE [redacted] OF THE WORLD. THERE YOU CAN GROW UNTIL THEY ALL BECOME CHOKED AND LIFELESS!
JUST LET ME AT THE FURRY...
[redacted] MOI!* NO, WHEELER! THERE IS A BETTER WAY! IF [redacted] CAN SHUT OFF THE ALGAE'S FOOD SUPPLY, IT WILL WEAKEN.
Chemical fertilizer
*RUSSIAN FOR 'GOODNESS GRACIOUS'
YOU ARE RIGHT, LINKA. I'LL CONTACT THE OTHERS.
HEART!
GI. KWAME. WE'VE FOUND SKUMM. YOU HAVE TO SHUT OFF THE VALVE FROM THE TOXIC WASTE TANK.
SECONDS LATER...
THERE IT IS. A TOXIC WASTE VAT. SKUMM USES IT TO FEED THE ALGAE...
AND THERE'S THE VALVE. MY EARTH POWER SHOULD BE ABLE TO...
TOXIC WAST
NO! WE DON'T WANT TO ALERT SKUMM.
IT'S STIFF. HELP ME, KWAME.
IT- IT'S MOVING!

# BULLPEN BULLETINS

Hi, Heroes!

Remember this date — October '91! It was one of the biggest, most important months in the halcyon history of mighty Marvel! What made it so important? Hey, I thought you'd never ask!

In previous Soapboxes I gave you a number of hints about big things happening out here in Hollywood, big things that I wasn't free to talk about until the contracts were signed and the deals were closed. Well, it's now official! The biggest movie project we've ever planned is now under way — and if you guessed SPIDER-MAN, then award yourself a twelve-cylinder no-prize with fuel injection!

But here's the most exciting part — guess who's gonna write, direct, and produce the first ever big-budget, feature film of the world's most famous wall-crawler? Wouldja believe James Cameron?!! That's right, Bunky, the same fabulous, super-fantastic filmmaker who bestowed upon a wildly cheering, wide-eyed world such monster hits as ALIENS, THE ABYSS and the two titanic TERMINATOR thrillers! So you can take this to the bank, Believer — SPIDER-MAN is destined to be the biggest, boldest, baaaaadest blockbustin' bombshell of a super hero action extravaganza ever to hit the screen!

Now then, before you start bombarding us with letters and phone calls asking who's gonna star in our fabulous forthcoming flick, or who the villain will be, let me advise you that those decisions haven't yet been made. First, the story has to be structured and then a screenplay written. That will probably take months because we're determined to make it the greatest action thriller of all. But as soon as more info comes through, even faster than you can wiggle your webs you'll get the scoop via the ol' Soapbox column as well as in the various newsletters we'll be sending to all the Wild Agents of Marvel!

And next issue, on this very same page, if Irving Forbush doesn't elope with Aunt May in the next thirty days, I'll bring you some additional exciting news about X-MEN hitting the screen! Who says this isn't the Marvel Age of Awesome Announcements?!!

Excelsior!

Stan

Stan Lee

FOR THE NEXT [redacted] PARAGRAPHS, WE WILL [redacted] CONDUCTING A TEST OF THE EMERGENCY BULLPEN SYSTEM. THIS IS ONLY A TEST. ALL YOU WILL NEED IS AN INSATIABLE, ALL-CONSUMING, ALMOST OBSESSIVE CURIOSITY ABOUT ALL THINGS MARVEL. READY ... [redacted]

February is the shortest month, so that means we'll make this column [redacted] short [redacted] possible, and try to write it in the shortest amount of time. Actually, this [redacted] [redacted] leap year — does that mean we should skip [redacted] the page this month? (The preceding joke sponsored by [redacted] One Bad Joke Per Bullpen Page Committee.)

Some new faces have appeared [redacted] staff since our last column, and most have had bodies to go along with them, [redacted] Marvel is not in the habit of hiring detached faces. (Except over in the HELLRAISER office, where they encourage that kind of thing.) New to the editorial staff [redacted] **Hildy Mesnik**, who will be taking over G.I. JOE and the BARBIE titles. (Does this [redacted] G.I. Joe will finally get to ask out Barbie?) Hildy won the assignment over many of our male editors, who were eager to play with Barbie, even [redacted] only twice a month.

Assisting Hildy is **Kevin** [redacted] — [redacted] natural choice, [redacted] he [redacted] previously assistant to **Don Daley** on the PUNISHER books. Kevin brings to the BARBIE titles his experience working with hard-nosed characters (relax, Don, we're not talking about you), and perhaps [redacted] give BARBIE that edge she needs to succeed in today's competitive comics field. Replacing Kev in Don's office is **Tim Tuohy**, formerly Don's college intern.

Also moving up in the world, like three-day old cream in [redacted] cup of coffee, [redacted] MARVEL AGE MAGAZINE assistant editor, **Mike Lackey**. Mike is now a full-fledged staff member. [redacted] was only half-fledged before, so now the rest of us can stop staring and pointing. [redacted] [redacted] also the writer of the [redacted] WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING comic which debuts this month, and claims his dream is [redacted] have the WCW champion hit him over [redacted] head with [redacted] steel chair. Keep dreaming, Mike. It'll happen someday.

Our own dream [redacted] to make it [redacted] the way to the end of the new *Spider-Man* arcade game from Sega! The game is a lot of fun, pitting Spider-Man, the Black Cat, and the Sub-Mariner against many of Spidey's deadliest foes, including the Hobgoblin, the Scorpion, and Venom. (Watch out for Venom — he cheats!) Also out now in arcades everywhere [redacted] a *Captain America and the Avengers* game, featuring not only Cap, but also Iron Man, the Vision, and Hawkeye against [redacted] of their greatest antagonists, such as the Mandarin and the Red Skull. Both games feature state of the art graphics, and are great for improving your eye-hand coordination, in case you want to become test pilots some day!

But don't spend your last quarter yet — coming your way real soon is the all-new *X-Men* arcade game from Konami. The X-Men game promises to be our best game yet, featuring all your favorite merry mixed-up mutants clashing and cavorting in all their glory. You also won't want to miss the Wolverine vs. Magneto hand-held game in the works, and it'll be out later this year. It's the most fun you [redacted] have without losing an eye!

And using our collective one good eye, let's look back at the Marvel Halloween party from last year. As [redacted] write these words, our teeth are still stained with Halloween candy from the big Marvel Halloween bash, which we, being traditional Marvel Zombies, like to hold once a year. The highlight of the bash is, as always, our wacky Marvelympics, in which all your favorite Marveloids go [redacted] it, tooth and claw.

The big [redacted] this year was SHIELD inker **Don Hudson**, who [redacted] the loudest screamer, and stuffed the most candy corn in his mouth. Don [redacted] defeated, however, in the big musical chairs competition by Epic assistant editor **Tom Daning**. Noted Tom, "I've got the fastest cheeks in the west!" Tom's boss **Marcus McLaurin** also scored a victory in the "draw [redacted] caricature of [redacted] fellow employee" contest. Marc drew **Jim Sallcrup**, which is actually not as hard [redacted] [redacted] looks.

Best costumes at the party included NOMAD editor **Glenn Herdling**'s Venom, and Glenn's assistant [redacted] **Garrahy** [redacted] Terminator 2. Assistant Editor **Evan Skolnick** [redacted] as DEATHLOK-editor **Tom Brevoort**, and no one could [redacted] them apart! Even though it's only February, it's still not too early to start thinking about this year's Halloween bash. After all, February is the shortest month ...

THIS CONCLUDES OUR TEST OF THE EMERGENCY BULLPEN PAGE SYSTEM. THIS WAS ONLY A TEST. HAD THIS [redacted] AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY, YOUR SPIDER-SENSE WOULD HAVE STARTED TINGLING, YOUR PULSE WOULD HAVE STARTED POUNDING, AND YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPELLED TO SING THE THEME SONG FOR **WAM**, THE NEW MARVEL FAN CLUB!

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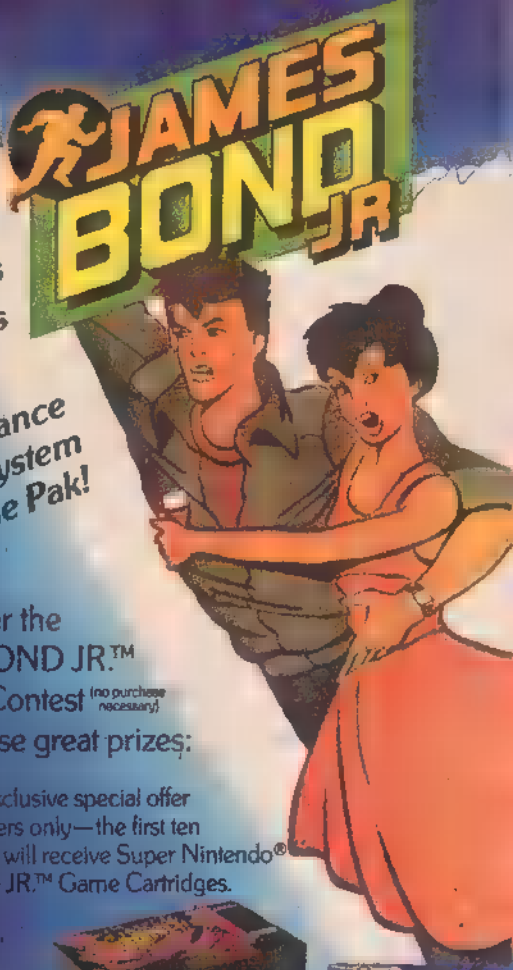

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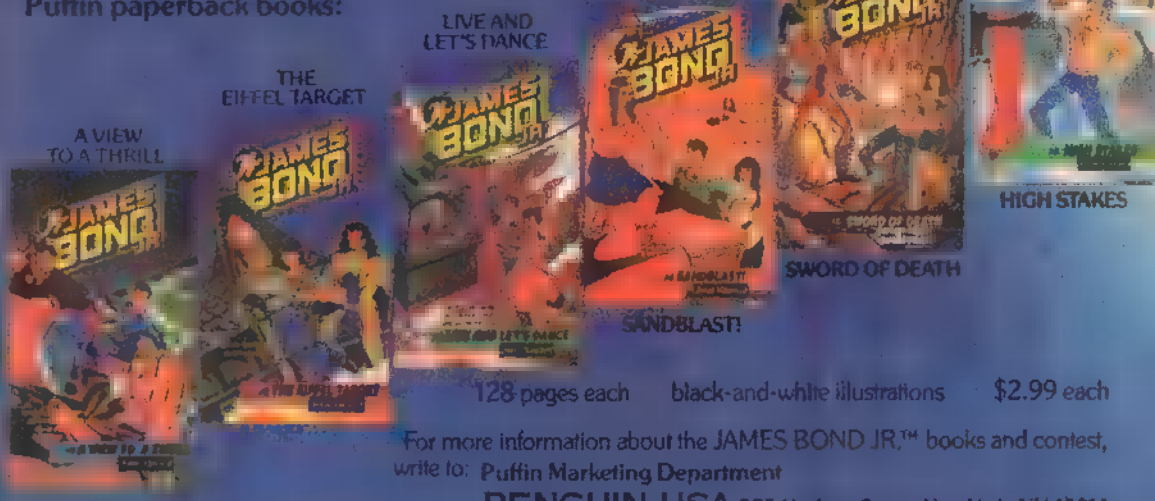


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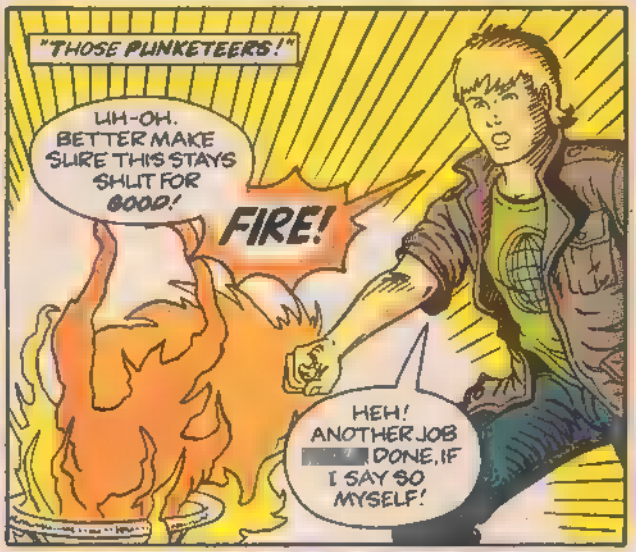
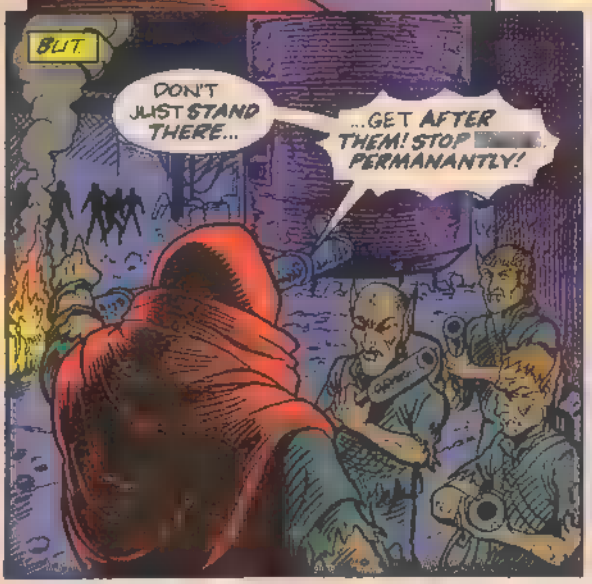
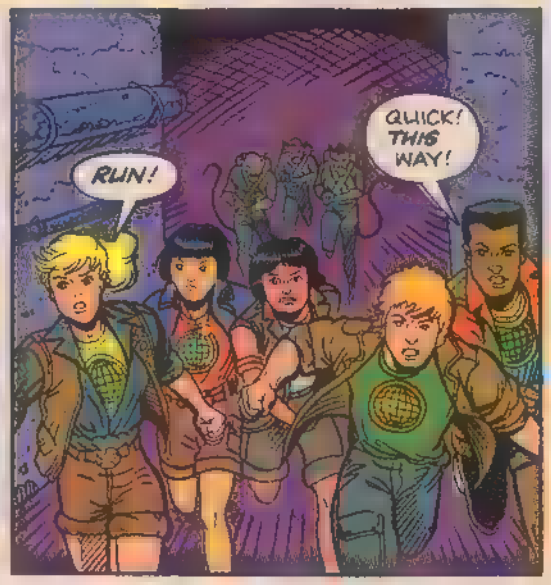
MEANWHILE...
AH, IT'S WORKING! ONCE THIS ONE IS SHUT OFF, THAT SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THE ALGAE.
OH, NO -- A SQUEAKY WHEEL.
Weeeik Weeeik

THE ALGAE, DEPRIVED OF ITS FOOD REACTS VIOLENTLY...
HUNGRILY...
FHUP
THRASH
WHIP

SOMETHING'S DISTURBING THE TANK.
WHA--
Weeeik Weeeik


"THOSE PUNKETEERS!"
UH-OH. BETTER MAKE SURE THIS STAYS SHUT FOR GOOD!
FIRE!
HEH! ANOTHER JOB [redacted] DONE, IF I SAY SO MYSELF!


BUT
DON'T JUST STAND THERE...
...GET AFTER THEM! STOP [redacted] PERMANANTLY!


RUN!
QUICK! THIS WAY!

OH, NO! A DEAD END!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
THEN LET OUR
EARTH!
FIRE!
WIND!
WATER!
HEART!
COMBINED, I AM CAPTAIN PLANET!
GO, PLANET!
HMM, THIS LENGTH OF PIPE SHOULD STOP THE RAT IN THE MAZE!
JUST CALL ME THE PIED PIPER, GUYS!
Gyeeergh!

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SECONDS LATER
AHA, MY FURRY FRIEND! I CAN SMELL A RAT A MILE OFF!
ARRGH... IT'S THAT ECO-JERK!
SLUDGE HIM!
SUDDENLY.
PLINK!
HA! MIST ME!
HUH, WHERE'D HE GO?
YOU CAN'T STOP ME, ENVIRO-DWEEB! THIS BUTTON WILL RELEASE MY ALGAE DIRECTLY INTO THE SEA! IT WILL WREAK ENVIRONMEN- HAVOC!
I DON'T WANT TO THE ON YOUR HORIZON, SKUMM, BUT YOU'RE JUST A IN THE PAN!
YEOOOW!
SHAZZAM!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT, PLANET!
I'LL TOXIFY YOU!!
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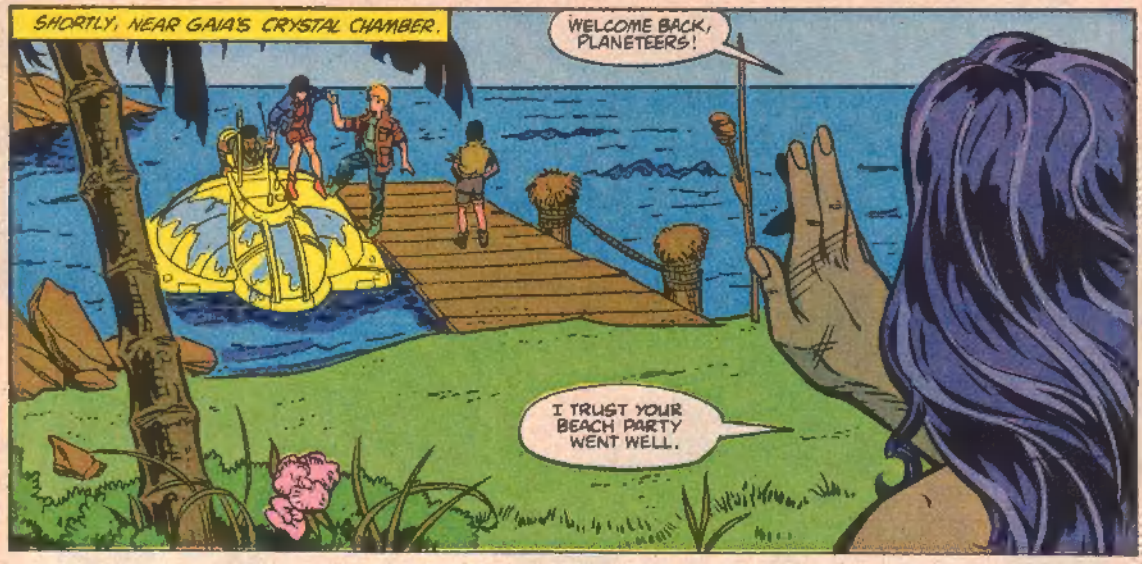
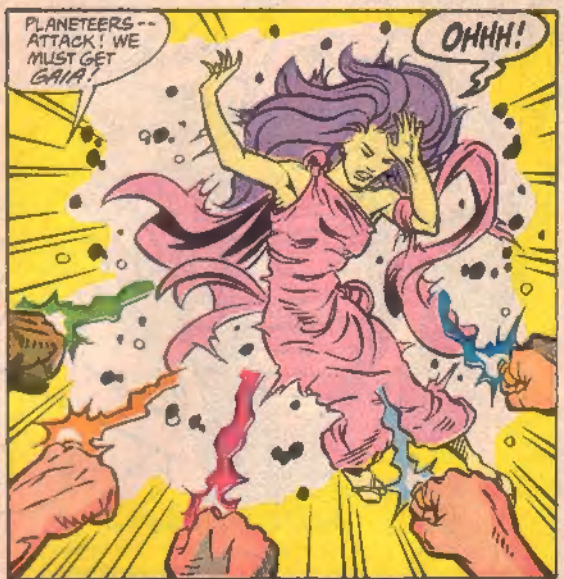
IF I CAN JUST DRAW HIS FIRE OVER TO THE--
YES!
CHTZZ
HA,HA,HA! YOU DON'T THINK THIS CAN STOP ME, DO YOU, CAPTAIN? I WAS RAISED ON STUFF LIKE THIS IN THE SEWERS! IT CAN'T HARM ME!
chemical fertilizer
SHLLP
IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO!
HUH?
SHLEEP!
STARVED OF ITS NUTRIENTS, THE ALGAE SEARCHES BLINDLY FOR ANOTHER SOURCE AND FINDS THE FERTILIZER-SOAKED SKLIMM...
STOP! DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?
THLIP!
WELL, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE TIED UP HERE. I THINK WE CAN CALL THE AUTHORITIES NOW. THEY CAN TAKE IT FROM HERE.
IT'S NOT OVER YET, ECO-CREEP!
CAPTAIN, DID HE MANAGE TO RELEASE ANY ALGAE INTO THE SEA?
I DON'T THINK SO, BUT WE CAN NEVER LET OUR GUARD DOWN AGAINST PEOPLE LIKE SKLIMM.
REMEMBER --THE POWER IS YOURS!

LATER, BACK AT HOPE ISLAND..
I'M GONNA WIN THIS TIME, ROOSKIE-TOOTSKIE, JUST YOU WATCH!
YEEEAHAH!
WATCH THI--
SPLOOSH!
PFFFFFFFF! :GASP:
AAARRGH!
ALGAE! ALGAE! HELP! GET IT OFF ME!
THIS IS NOT ALGAE WHEELER.
IT'S JUST SEA-WEED!
-PANT- PANT-SUH- SEAWEED?
NEVER MIND, WHEELER, I THINK YOUR SURFING'S A WASHOUT!
YOU MEAN WIPE OUT, LINKA!
HA, HA! YOU CAN NEVER BE TOO SURE!
C'MON, PLANETEERS, LET'S HOP IN THE ECO-SUB AND HEAD BACK TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND!





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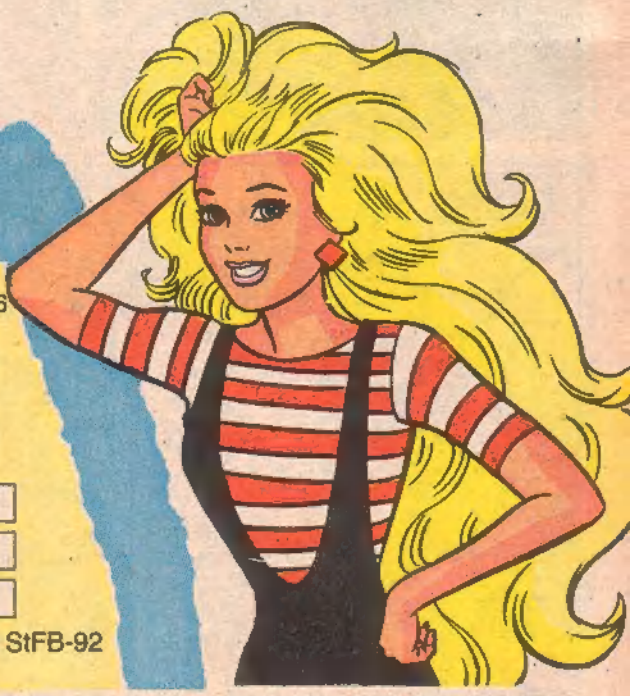

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